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Form BC 126  
June 1954  
OFFICIAL #1582

FM BROADCAST

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed JANUARY 12, 1965

XW I P E (EFF: 6-1 72)  
WADZ(EFF2-20-81)

Call letters X W D E C-FM

Station location AMERICUS, GEORGIA

CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY (ALH & ASCA 5-29-69  
Name of licensee XTHE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY Eff: 7-11-69)

Transmitter location 605 McGarrah St., Americus, Ga. (PH 2-27-64) (LH 1-12-65)

31709 605 McGarrah St., Americus, Georgia (BPH 3-6-68  
Main studio location Rembert Bldg., Forsyth & Lee Sts., Americus, Ga. (PH 2-27-64) (LH1-12-65)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.                           | Date<br>Issued  | Freq.   | Power                       | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To   |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BPH-4213<br>HAAT:180'                  | 2-27-64   | 94.3mcs<br>Ch.232   | ERP:3kw<br>TPO:880w         | Unl.         | 4-27-64<br>10-27-64 |
|  | CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station with RC oper. of trans. from studio loc.      |   |                             |              |                     |
| BMPH-7885<br>(1)                       | 7-16-64   | Mod. of CP(BPH-4213) to chg. type trans (RCA BTF-3B); chg. type ant. (Gates FMA-2, 2 secs.); & incr. TPO to 1.80kw. |                             |              |                     |
| BLH-2629<br>HAAT:180'                  | 1-12-65   | 94.3mcs<br>Ch.#232  | ERP:3kw<br>TPO:1.8kw        | Unl.         | 1-12-65<br>4-1-67   |
|  | Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4213, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, with RC.    |   |                             |              |                     |
| BSCA-611                               | 5-21-65   | Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approx. 67 kilocycles to 4-1-67.   |                             |              |                     |
| BRH-1582                               | 3-29-67   | Renewal of License  |                             |              | 4-1 4-1-70          |
|  |   | Renewal of NDEA   |                             |              | 4-1 4-1-70          |
|  |   | Renewal of SCA  |                             |              | 4-1 4-1-70          |
| BPH-6167<br>HAAT: 180'                 | 3-6-68  | 94.3mc.<br>ch#232   | ERP: 3kw U<br>TPO: 1.90kw   |              | 11-6-68             |
|  | CP chg. trans. loc.(same site); <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> studio loc., and TPO; (delete RC) |   |                             |              |                     |
| BTC-5636                               | 6-25-68   | Vol. TC   |                             |              |                     |
| BLH-4076(1)                            | 9-5-68  | Lic. to cover BPH-6167.   |                             |              | 4-1-70              |
| B/LH-1216<br>BASCA-349                 | 5-29-69   | Vol. ALH & ASCA   |                             |              |                     |
| BRH-1582(L)                            | 9-30-70   | Renewal and NDEA  |                             |              | 4-1-73              |
| BRSCA-611                              | 9-30-70   | Renewal of SCA  |                             |              | 4-1-73              |
| EBSA                                   | 5-25-72   |   |                             |              |                     |
| BRH- 1582(S)                           | 7-20-73   | RENEWAL OF LIC. & SCA   |                             |              | 4-1-76              |
| BRSCA-611                              |   |   |                             |              |                     |
| BRH-1582(S)                            | 4-9-76  | RENEWAL OF LIC.   |                             |              | 4-1-79              |
| BPH-10424<br>HAAT:180 feet(h&v)<br>(L) | 3-23-77   | 94.3mhz<br>#232   | ERP:3kw(h&v) U<br>TPO:1.9kw |              | 3-23-78             |
|  | CP to install new Trans; new Ant; add circular polarization to ERP & HAAT.              |   |                             |              |                     |

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ..... Call letters WIPE-FM

Station location Americus, Georgia

Name of licensee Conway M. Smith tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....

## CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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|------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| BLH-7716<br>HAAT: 180' | 7-14-78<br>(H&V) | 94.3MHz<br>#232<br>Lic. (BPH-10424) for changes | ERP: 3.0kW (H&V)<br>U |              | 4-1-79                |
| -----                  |                  |   |                       |              |                       |
| BRH781204UE(S)         | 7-31-79          | Renewal of License                              |                       |              | 4-1-82                |
| B S A                  | 2-20-81          | CALL SIGN CHANGE                                |                       |              |                       |

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call Letters W D E C-FM  
new-FM
Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANYAmericus, Georgia (P.O. c/o Charles C. Smith, Box 917, Americus, Ga.)

| File No.                   | Dated   | Application for  | Action  |         |
|----------------------------|---------|--|---------|---------|
|                            |         |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BPH-4213<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 11-5-63 | CP for a new FM broadcast station to be                                | GRANTED | 2-27-64 |
|                            | 11-6-63 | operated on:   |         |         |
|                            | 11-6-63 | Frequency: 94.3mc CH 232   |         |         |
|                            |         | ERP: 3kw   |         |         |
|                            |         | Type transmitter: Gates FM-1C  |         |         |
|                            |         | TPO: .88kw   |         |         |
|                            |         | Type antenna: Gates FMA-4 (4 section)                                  |         |         |
|                            |         | HAAT: 183 ft.  |         |         |
|                            |         | Trans. location: McGarrah St., Americus,<br>Georgia (Same as WDEC-AM)  |         |         |
|                            |         | Studio location: Forsyth & Lee St., Rembert Bldg.<br>Americus, Georgia |         |         |
|                            |         | Remote control point: Same as Main Studio                              |         |         |
|                            |         | Engr: W. J. Holey, Atlanta, Ga.  |         |         |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W D E C - FM

Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

AMERICUS, GEORGIA

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------|---------|
|                                    |                              |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BMPH-7885<br>Rec'd<br>Filed        | 6-20-64<br>6-22-64<br>7-6-64 | Mod of CP (BPH-4213 which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type trans (RCA-BTF-3B), chg type ant (Gates-FMA-2, 2 sect) and incr TPO to 1.808kw. | GRANTED | 7-16-64 |
| BLH-2629<br>R&F                    | 9-6-64<br>9-8-64             | License to cover CP (BPH-4213 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.  | GRANTED | 1-12-65 |
| BSCA-611<br>R&F                    | 4-20-65<br>4-22-65           | Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs.   | GRANTED | 5-21-65 |
| BRH-1582<br>R. & F.<br>& BRSCA-611 | 12-29-65<br>1-3-67           | Renewal of license. (and Subsidiary Communications Authorization).   | GRANTED | 3-29-67 |

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Call

Letters W.D.K.C-FM

CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY  
AMERICUS, GEORGIA

| File No.   | Dated                                   | Application for   | Action  |                          |
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|  |   |   | Nature  | Date                     |
| BPH-6167<br>R & F<br>FEB 28 1968   | 2-9-68<br>2-12-68                       | Construction Permit to chg. <del>ant</del> -trans location (Same Site); chg. studio location McGarrah Street, Americus, Georgia; delete remote control; and chg. TPO to 1.808kw;<br>Atty ---<br>Engr: --- | GRANTED | 3-6-68                   |
| BTC-5636<br>R & F<br>FEE PD: \$75 -<br>MAY 22 1968                               | 5-8-68<br>5-15-68<br>428773a            | Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Charles C. Smith to Conway M. Smith (100%)   | GRANTED | 6-25-68                  |
| BLH-4076<br>R & F<br>#431428 \$30<br>PT<br>SEP 8 1968                            | 5/22/68<br>5/27/68<br>5/27/68<br>6/7/68 | License (BPH-6167) for changes.   | GRANTED | 9-5-68                   |
| BALH-1216<br>BASCA-349<br>Rec'd<br>Filed<br>FEE PD: \$30 -#512893<br>MAY 16 1969 | 3-17-69<br>3-19-69<br>5-8-69            | Voluntary assignment of license & SCA to CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY<br>F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.  | GRANTED | 5-29-69<br>Ef f: 7-11-69 |

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W I P E

Call X WDEC-FM  
Letters .....

CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name .....

Americus, Georgia

| File No.                               | Dated                        | Application for   | Action  |         |
|--|------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
|  |                              |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BRSCA-611<br>R & F<br>#566880 \$30     | 12-29-69<br>1-2-70<br>1-2-70 | Renewal of SCA  | GRANTED | 9-30-70 |
| BRH-1582<br>R & F<br>#566882 \$75.     | 12-30-69<br>1-2-70<br>1-2-70 | Renewal of License  |         |         |
| PN<br>AMENDMENT<br>PRESS               | 1-2-70<br>1-14-70            | Sect. II, Para. 8-Tower painting  |         |         |
| BRH-1582<br>R & F<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS | 12-22-72<br>12-29-72<br>"    | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>AMENDED 4-4-73 re: ascertainment of community needs<br>AMENDED 6-22-73 re: employment program | GRANTED | 7-20-73 |
| BRSCA-611<br>R & F                     | 2-15-73<br>2-21-73           | Renewal of SCA  |         |         |

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Call  
Letters W I P EName CONWAY M. SMITH, tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY...  
Americus, Georgia

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|   |  |  | Nature   | Date    |
| BRH-1582<br>Rec'd<br>PN<br>Resub.<br>Filed<br>Press | 11-29-75<br>12-1-75<br>12-1-75<br>3-3-76<br>3-3-76<br><br>MAR 9 1976 | Renewal of License   | GRANTED<br><del>Revised 2-10-75 re:</del><br><del>Sections I &amp; IV-A</del><br><del>signed by the Assistant</del><br>Manager | 4-2-76  |
| BPH-10424<br>R & F<br>PRESS                         | 1-6-77<br>1-10-77<br>MAR 10 1977                                     | CP install new Trans: GATES, FM-2.5H3;<br>install new Ant: GATES, FMC-4A, 4 sects<br>H&V; add circular polarization to ERP;<br>3 kilowatts H&V and HAAT: 182 feet H&V<br><br>Atty---<br>Engr. Arthur K. Peters | GRANTED  | 3-23-77 |

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

94.3mhz.

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Call  
Letters X W I P E

Name Conway M. Smith tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Americus, Georgia

| File No.                            | Dated                                       | Application for   | Action  |         |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------|---------|
|                                     |   |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BLH-7716<br>R & F<br>PTA:<br>PRESS: | 3-8-78<br>3-13-78<br>3-20-78<br>APR 26 1978 | License to cover (BPH-10424) for changes.<br><br>Atty: ---- | GRANTED | 7-14-78 |
| BRH 781204UR<br>PRESS               | DEC 15 1978                                 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>(SCA not to be renewed)               | GRANTED | 7-31-79 |

## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

